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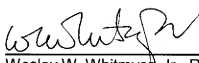
The Application has been reviewed in light of the Official Action of October 11, 2006. The Examiner rejected claims 25, 27-32, and 35 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huebner (U.S. 5,456,685) in view of Ross et al. (U.S. 5,470,334). The Examiner objected to claims 26, 33 and 34 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner allowed claims 36-45.

Applicants have amended claim 25 to incorporate the allowable limitation of claim 26. As a result, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 25 as amended is allowable over the cited references of record. Claims 27-32 and 35 are allowable based on their dependency of claim 25.

Based on the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are patentable over the references of record, and earnestly solicits allowance of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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